Infrastructure bottlenecks faced by airports

714. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working on developing not only the airports in the metro cities but also in at least 35 non-metro cities using public-private partnership at Rs. 7000-8000 crores;

(b) whether Government are considering checking the infrastructure bottlenecks being faced at airports around the country;

(c) whether Planning Commission is considering relaxation of environmental clearance norms for these airports including complete exemption from environmental clearance for development, construction and expansion;

(d) if so, to what extent this wilt help in completing the projects; and

(e) whether Airports Authority of India has started developing these airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Government has decided to modernize 35 Non-Metro airports. A Task Force constituted to deliberate on financing plan for development of regional airports inter-alia recommended Rs. 4662 crores for development of airside and terminal building and Rs. 1500 crores for city-side development of the 35 Non-Metro airports.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Some development works are in progress at some of these airports.

Technical check-up of aircrafts

715. SHRI THENNALAG. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of flights operating in the country which are owned by various companies, company-wise;